# TUBERCULOSIS AND CANCER IN CHICAGO BEEF!

# BEEF TRUST IS BAD.

It Aims at the Lives, the Health and the Pockets of Chicago Citizens.

### Frightful Food Thrown Into This City While the Government Inspectors Sit Supinely By.

abuses, said to exist with impunity at lows the Chicago stockyards, are the theme of a daring novel called "The Jungle," published by Doubleday, Page & Co. The author, Upton Sinclair, lived for a time among the workingmen in Packingtown, and his book is meant to be a searching and comprehensive indictment of the way things are done there. The publishers say that before they accepted the manuscript they had the charges investigated by a competent lawyer, who confirmed the truth of the of the meat, being carefully scattered Author's startling statements.

The hero of the novel is a Lithuanian immigrant named Jurgis, who comes to this country with his family to find liberty and justice, and who finds only slavery, injustice and death in the stockyards slums. According to Mr. Sinclair, the corporation that employed Jurgis "was nothing but one gigantic lie from top to bottom." In the course of his story he charges that the reckless abuses of the packers are protected by the city government through

"The packers had secret mains," he says, "through which they stole billions of gallons of the city's water. The papers were full of the scandal-once there had even been an investigation and an actual uncovering of the pipes, but nobody had been punished, and the thing went right on."

The most serious charges are those as to the packing of diseased animals and spoiled meat. Jurgis is employed in various slaughter-houses and comes in contact with unsavory secrets, which the author reveals in many pages of revolting details.

"And then there was the condemned meat industry," he says, "with its end- would go into the hoppers together. less horrors. The people of Chicago This is no fairy story and no joke; the saw the government inspectors in Pack- meat would be shoveled into carts, and ingtown, and they all took that to the man who did the shoveling would mean that they were protected from not trouble to lift out a rat even when diseased meat; they did not under- he saw one-there were things that stand that these 163 inspectors had went into the sausage in comparison packers, and that they were paid by bit." the United States government to certify that all the diseased meat was kept in the State. They had no authority beyond that, for the inspection of meat to be sold in the city and State and the whole force in Packingtown consisted of three henchmen of the lo-

"And shortly afterward one of these a physician, made the discovery that the carcasses of steers which had been condemned by the government inspectors, and which therefore contained ptomaines, which are deadly poisons, were left upon an open platform and carted away to be sold in the city, and so he insisted that these carcasses be treated with an injection of kerosene -and was ordered to resign the same

they went farther and compelled the Mayor to abolish the whole bureau of inspection; so that since then there has been not even a pretense of any interference with the graft. There was said to be \$2,000 a week hush money for the tubercular steers alone, and as much again from the hogs which haddied of cholera on the trains, which you might see any day being loaded into box cars and hauled away to a place called Globe, in Indiana, where they made a fancy grade of lard.

"There were cattle which had been fed on 'whisky malt,' the refuse of the breweries, and had become what the men called 'steerly'-which means covered with boils. It was a nasty job killing these, for when you plunged your knife into them they would burst and splash foul-smelling stuff into your face. It was stuff such as this that made the 'embalmed beef' that had killed several times as many United States soldiers as all the bullets of the Spaniards; only the army beef, besides, was not fresh canned, it was old stuff that had been lying for years in the

Among the curious things that Jurgis noticed on the first day of his employment in "Durham's" slaughter-house was "the sharp trick of the floor bosses whenever there chanced to come a 'slunk' calf." The author goes on to describe how cows in a condition unfit for food are regularly slaughtered with the rest.

"It was the law that cows of that sort came along with the others, and whoever noticed it would tell the boss, and the boss would start up a conversation with the government inspector, a trice the carcass of the cow would be cleaned out, and the entrails would have vanished; it was Jurgis' task to slide them into the trap, calves and all, and on the floor below they took out these 'slunk' calves and butchered them for meat, and used even the skins of

One day Jurgis had to take the place of a man who had hurt his leg. and

Horrible conditions and illegal | the train. This is described as fol-

"'Downers,' the men called them. and the packing-house had a special elevator upon which they were raised to the killing beds, where the gang proceeded to handle them with an air of business-like nonchalance which said plainer than words that it was a matter of every-day routine. It took a couple of hours to get them out of the way, and in the end Jurgis saw them go into the chilling-rooms with the rest here and there so that they could not be identified."

Mr. Sinclair's description of the meat that is put into cans is sufficiently unappetizing, but his account of how sausages are made is still more so.

"There was never the least attention paid to what was cut up for sausage," he says; "there would come all the way back from Europe old sausage that had been rejected and that was moldy and white—it would be dosed with bornz and glycerin, and dumped into the hoppers, and made over again for home consumption. There would be ment that had tumbled out on the floor, in the dirt and sawdust, where the workers had tramped and spit uncounted billions of consumption germs.

"There would be ment stored in great piles in rooms, and the water from leaky roofs would drip over it, and thousands of rats would race about it. It was too dark in these storage places to see well, but a man could run his hand over these piles of meat and sweep off handfuls of the dried excrement of rats. These rats were a nulsance, and the packers would put polsoned bread out for them; they would dle, and then rats, bread and meat

The author's descriptions of these alleged abominations are merely inci- give but ten seconds to each animal indental to his portrayal of equally terrible social conditions in the stock tuberculosis and like ailments are yards. Jurgis finds himself in a jungle of wild boasts, all seeking to rend and rob him, and the emotional interest of losing fight of this honest Lithuanian family. The packing industry kills one member after another, ruins and kills Jurgis' young wife under heart-rending conditions, kills his little boy, and sends Jurgis himself forth into the world a tramp and then a criminal. The whole story is a chamber of hor-

The latter part describes social ul cers not usually mentioned in a novel The most sensational chapter is that describing the unspeakable state of affairs said to have been permitted and promoted by the packers during the big strike.

"They lodged men and women of debauchery-scenes such as never before had been witnessed in America. And as the women were the dregs from the brothels of Chicago, and the men were for the most part ignorant country negroes, the nameless disease of vice were soon rife, and this where food was being handled, which was sent out to every corner of the civilized world."

The novel closes with the conversion of the hero to socialism, in which he is supposed to see a cure for the evils of the "beef trust."-Chicago Record-Herald, February 26, 1906.

Extracts from Upton Sinclair's nov-Herald, Feb. 26, 1906:

Then there was the condemned meat industry, with its endless horrors. The people of Chicago saw the government inspectors in Packingtown, and they all took that to mean that they were protected from diseased meat; they did not understand that these 163 inspectors had been appointed at the request of the packers, and that they were paid by the United States government to certify that all the dis-

no one could say; and they were all to be disposed of here in darkness and silence. "Downers" the men called them, and the packing-house had a special elevator upon which they were raised to the killing beds where the gang proceeded to handle them, with an air of businesslike nonchalance which said plainer than words that it was a matter of everyday routine.

There was never the least attention paid to what was cut up for sausage after the inspector and nearly all the Thousands of rats would race over the workmen had gone, a select gang was meat. These rats were a nuisance, set to preparing the dead cattle that and the packers would put poisoned



#### THE BEEF TRUST IS BOSS

and then rats, bread and meat would go into the hoppers together.

The Beef Trust must go.

The number of members of the proent Legislature controlled by the Beef Trust is known to a man.

Remember the Boof Trust when you are nominating candidates for the Legislature this year.

Many of the Beef Trust employee wear rubber gloves while handling the cadavers. Otherwise they are in imminent danger of blood poisoning. Even the embalming of food for the guilible public has its attendant dan-

The number of dead and diseased hogs shipped by the Beef Trust and sold as food is something awful.

Numbers of hogs die in the cars in transit to the Beef Trust; their bodies are often eaten by the other hogs and their pet disease transmitted by them

work every minute of their time, can spected. No wonder cancer, lupus, spreading.

The Beef Trust has ruined many s prosperous small business. The hide industry, the boot and shoe trade, the sheepskin tanners, the leather tanners, the wool pullers, the wool trade, the vegetable market, the poultry business, the retail meat markets, wholesale meat markets, the soap been swallowed up by this awful leviathan. How much longer will the people stand it?

people put up with diseased food?

A correspondent asks: "How many of the representatives of foreign gov the same floor," says the author, "and ernments are in the pay of the Beef with the night there began a saturnalia Trust? It might interest the people of some of them to find out."

> People out of town and newsdealers n other cities ordering extra copies of the Chicago Eagle Beef Trust editions must place their orders before Wednesday of each week.

The demand for papers is so great that unless orders for them are placed early it will be impossible to fill all of them as promptly as we would

Dealers in Germany, France and

People who think that they get good ment are invited to read the follow- are felons in the eyes of the law. ing clipped from the live stock report of the Chicago Daily News, January 9, 1906:

"Quality of offerings was not good It was such as the trade usually looks for on Tuesday, with the Wisconsin shipments largely predominating. It was not the absence of good finished stuff that made the slow market, however, as the buyers were generaly looking for low-priced cattle. Shippers had only a few orders at most and the great percentage of them were for plain finished cattle. Since the ending of the western season there has generally been as good a demand for the commoner sorts of cattle as for the better priced steers. A few toppy kinds have reached \$6.25 this week, but they are as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth."

We do not see any quotations in the dailies on trichina hogs.

The public officials who are controlled by the Beef Trust will be known

All the rotten old Beef Trust lobby ists, consisting of crooked lawyers, castoff politicians and scarecrowstates-

worthies will be pointed out so that he panies as a final desperate measur who runs may read.

People must remember that the city had only eleven inspectors at work on cattle, hogs, sheep and provisions. Necessarily their work must have been very incomplete when there were 300,000 cattle a week to inspect. Tuberculosis and cancer are bound to be shipped to all quarters as food.

How many government officials does the Beef Trust control?

Beef Trust cold storage is a bad thing. Yet it is popular just now. The rotten food turned out in the shape of liseased poultry from Beef Trust roosts is thus touched upon by Health Commissioner Whalen, of Chicago, in his annual report:

"Cold storage is one of our present necessities, but it is evident that it has been shamefully misused by dishonest men. While certain articles of food are better after more or less prolonged storage, certain fruits and vegetables spoil so soon after removal from the cold storage as to give a

has been called to many cases of ptomaine poisoning resulting from eating game or poultry which had been stored in an undrawn state. The real evil comes from freezing more or less tainted meats and fish. The process of decay is checked, but the ptomaines remain. The purchaser does not detect any odor, but a gastro-enteritis is apt to result none the less.

"There is a suspicion that much of the sickness contracted in strange hotels, is thus caused."

Daily News cattle report January 16 "Quality was rather poor, offers running largely to canners and cutters Bull trade was steady at yesterday's decline. Bologna bulls were taken more readily than the fat sorts."

The Standard Oil Trust does not sell cancer or tuberculosis to the people. But the Newspaper Trust finds abundant space to dvote to the Oil Trust but has not a line for the Beef Trust. Why?

Why is not the Illinois Anti-Trust law strictly enforced against the real trusts?

The law is upon the statute book and is rigidly lived up to as against small and honest corporations which are obliged to make affidavit once a year and send the same with one dollar to Springfield to prove that they are not in a trust.

A Trust has no more standing law in Illinois than a Burgiar. Both exist in violation of the law and both

Tuberculosis and cancer can now go into every home without let or hindrance. The Health Department. after proving that tons of tuberculosis are dumped on the market every week, has discharged its inspectors!

The Beef Trust absolutely controls legislation in Illinois. It does as it pleases with the peo

Why does not the Attorney General of Illinois get after the Beef Trust on the following points: Anti-Trust Law Violated .- It is vio-

lating the trust laws of Illinois by parceling out territory between subordin-In being an organization in restraint

of trade besides violating every detail of the Anti-Trust law. Fraud in Products Sold-Millions of pounds of beef, pork, mutton, sausage and other products have been sold under false names and false representa-

those represented to the buyer. Fraud in Beef Sold-Millions of pounds of inferior beef have been sold to government and private consumers. Killing Independent Concerns-The

tions, containing materials other than

Illinois Legislature meets these organizing fake independent com

Rebates to Dealers-In every town at least one principal dealer gets a secret rebate in consideration of his agreement to buy no "outside" or independent beef, pork or mutton.
Secret Service Methods—Canvass ers are sent out in the guise of dis-

tributors to secure the names of perons buying independent beef. Crushing Competitors—Beef is sold at cost and below until independent competitors are driven out.

What did that delegation of Stock Yards commission men ask the mayor Did they ask him to order the city

health inspectors out of the Stock Why did the city administration

point with pride to the fact that it protected the people of Chicago from the Beef Trust for five months and then flunk? Did the same influences affect this

administration that bealth officials charged the Harrison administration with truckling to?

health inspectors and imperil the lives of every man, woman and child in

Or are there deeper reasons? Speak out, somebody, for hell is not hot enough to roast a man who would bow to the Beef Trust in a matter of tuberculosis and cancer.

How many murders is the Trust guilty of in Chicago? many innocent people are killed every year by tuberculosis and cancer?

There will be some music over the Beef Trust when the next Illinois Leg-The Beef Trust controls the food

supply of the American people. The Beef Trust is bringing on

What object can the members of the Beef Trust have in opposing the Illinois pure food laws and wanting them

Why is Illinois afraid to tackle the

The Beef Trust saturates Chicago robs the people of Chicago through its control of the price of the food they eat and the leather they wear.

The Beef Trust counts on a solid legislative delegation from Cook County which will favor monopoly and encourage high prices.

Chicago is the home and the head-

consequences of bad food.

How many lumpy-jaw cattle are slaughtered by the Beef Trust every day and fed to the people?

The Eagle feels highly compliment ed over the way its reading matter is stolen and reprinted without credit. But it feels sorry that the able editors who steal it cannot give it a wider circulation than they do. As the Eagle reaches its readers at least twentyfour hours earlier than the principal purioiners, the thefts are easily recog-

The Beef Trust counts upon electing a majority of the Illinois delegation to Congress next year.

Now that the city has quit inspect ing, there is nothing to prevent the Beef Trust from spreading tuberculo-

## BUY APPENDICITIS.

Beef Trust Patrons Have a Chance to Get All They Want of It.

### The Real Cause of the Disease Is **Bad Meat Beyond** Doubt.

trichina pork,

The Trust sausage is one of the wonders of creation. It is made out of the cheapest meat and the trimming of canners, lumpy-jaw cattle and dead swine.

trade as potato flour, this chopped, stamped, crushed and chemically treat-ed meat is stuffed into the frequently diseased guts of dead animals and is

sold to the public as sausage. Despite the chemicals compounded with the "meat" to make it smell "natural," both the compound itself, as well as the "casing," as the gut is now called, are frequently the abode

of micro-organisms. It is these micro-organisms that

cause appendicitis. The word appendicitis means an inflammation of the vermiform appendix, which lies in the lower right hand corner of the abdomen.

The vermiform appendix is a sack attached to the intestine. It is into this resting place that the nicrobes crawl and cause trouble.

The real trichina microbe, which is very abundant in pork, and for which no search is made by the Beef Trust, eats through all the human intestines, and, playing no favorites, is always

fatal. But the bad meat microbe, which causes appendicitis, has not strength enough to bore through the intestines. It merely crawls into the first and only stopping place in the bowels-the vermiform appendix—and there it works away until it starts inflamma-

When the first physicians began to realize the etiological importance of ready market. the appendix in intestinal inflammation, it was thought that seeds or oththerein, but many operations soon proved the contrary, for ofttimes no Chicago to oblige some political other abdominal operations often showed collections in the appendix that had

caused no trouble. Most of the best physicians and the ablest surgeons are now convinced that

appendicitis is caused by bad meat. The disease, singularly enough, was never heard of until Beef Trust methods began to prevail in this country, and now it is to be found wherever Beef Trust products have a sale...

According to the United States cen sus, 5,111 persons died from appendicitis in 1900. The disease was not even mentioned in the United States census report of 1890-ten years before-because there were no cases and no deaths. How is that for the work of the Beef Trust?

Now the city inspection has been stopped and that it was always the habit to use the carcases of cancerous or lumpy jawed cattle after the can cers were cut out, the public is probably getting a fuller dose of lumpy jawed cattle for food than ever. On the very day that the city discontinued its inspection and condemnation, the Commissioner of Health of Chicago issued the following remarkable instructions in his bulletin of December 30

"The Commissioner has issued the following instructions to the chief inspector at the Union Stock Yards:

in one sense to be a localised disease, and while some inspectors condemn only the part involved, I believe it is safest and most practicable to condemi the entire carcass wherever the actinomycotic abscess opens into the mouth, pharynx, larynx or any part of the digestive or respiratory tract; of when the lymphatic glands are involved; or where there are actinomycotic tumors in the lungs; or when the lesions have become generalized, since generalisation in actinomycosis appear to run a very atypic course, making the detection of all foci inside the muscle very difficult; therefore, the entire carcass is to be condemned.

"'In cases where the actinomycotic esions are positively localized, the infected part may be cut away and the

remains of the carcase used.

"These instructions apply only to
"lumpy jaw." There may be other
reasons why you should want to condemn a carcase, and it is then a matter of judgment for you and your men.
But you should never hesitate to condemn if you helieve the animal to be demn if you believe the animal to be

boys who went out to fight for the United States in the Spanish-American war, must hover over the fortunes

Appendicitis is a Beef Trust dis-ase.

It comes from the breakfast delica
Neither the bullets of the Spaniards

cles made out of canner cows and or the terrors of the Cuban climate did any havor to the American soldier, poor boy, at all comparable with the damage done by the frightful embalin-

ed food of the Beef Trust. The young fellows who offered their lives to the American government, did After being thoroughly mixed with horrible concection known to the country for which they were fighting rade as potato flour, this chopped, would permit a Beef Trust to furnish

them with poisoned rations.

But it did.

The soldiers trusted their country and ate the poison.

The result was death, disease, broke constitutions for thousands. Those are facts which the war rec ords will corroborate.

The Beef Trust continues to spread tuberculosis, cancer and other diseases with impunity.

One fact that escapes general attention is that the intestines, blood, liver, heart and lights (or lungs) of an animal are already used before the carcass proper gets to the inspector. This includes also what is known as the gut fats, out of which lard, suct. table oils and various other things

As soon as a beef is killed, it is hung up by the heels and disembow

All of the "innards" are hauled

Even the blood is received into a receptacle and carried off to be made into blood sausage, beef extract and the like.

The intestines are carried to the sausage rooms to be used as casings. The stomach goes elsewhere to be

used as tripe. The liver, lights, heart, etc., find a

And, mind you, every bit of these portions of the "critter" are used whether it is suffering from cancer tuberculosis, lumpy jaw, or any other

The carcass after its "innards" are removed is swung along and carried to another place where the inspectors pass

Commissioner of Chicago, reported the condemnation of nearly four million pounds of meat during the four months

ending December 30, 1905. Now 85 per cent of these 4,000,000 pounds were found to be afflicted with tuberculosis.

ounds belonged to the main carcass and had passed government inspection. What about the hearts, livers, lights, intestines, fats, blood, tripe and other inside belongings of these tuberculosis cattle from which 4,000,000 pounds of tuberculosis and cancerous meat were

found and condemned? They were sold to the people and eaten as food!

What other political associations besides the Harrison Democracy does the Beef Trust own in Chicago?

Why not let the Beef Trust name the government beef inspectors at Chica-

Why did the State Live Stock Board wish to enjoin the city of Chicago from destroying tuberculous and cancerous cattle after government and "'While actinomycosis is usually State inspectors had approved them, confined to the head, and may be said and after the city inspectors had condemned them?

> If Mayor Dunne's administration destroyed over 3,000,000 pounds of cancerous and tuberculous meat in five months, by the inspection work of only eleven inspectors, how many billions of pounds of cancer and tuberculosis were fed to the people during the years that there was no city in-

> The Beef Trust is arranging to control the next Illinois Legislature abso-

By the way, who did the city hall collecting from the Ice Trust last

Hogs that go to England and the United States are not examined for trichina. All hogs for Germany, France and Austria are. Some escape,

By the way, what is Dr. Dyson, who

The Beef Trust will get its deserts press cannot hide the truth from the sanct' people. Little by little they will learn the facts, and when they do wal a up, almed heaf' of the Beef Trust you will hear an explosion.